

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/535,728 Examiner	ERIKSSON ET AL. Art Unit
	Tracy Vivlemore	1635

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1. This communication is responsive to the response filed 11/5/07.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-8.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Yongang Ji on January 18, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

The abstract of the disclosure is replaced with the following:

The present invention relates to a method of isolating fully thioated single stranded antisense oligonucleotides from a biological solution, which method comprises the steps of contacting the biological solution with an immobilised metal ion adsorption chromatography (IMAC) resin to adsorb the antisense oligonucleotides to the resin and subsequently contacting the resin with an eluent under conditions that provide desorption of the antisense oligonucleotides from the resin, wherein the fully thioated antisense oligonucleotides are separated from incorrectly thioated antisense oligonucleotides in the solution. The invention also relates to the use of an immobilised metal ion adsorption chromatography (IMAC) resin for isolation of fully thioated single stranded antisense oligonucleotides from a biological solution.

Claim 1 is re-written as follows:

A method of isolating fully thioated single stranded antisense oligonucleotides from a biological solution, which method comprises the steps of contacting the biological solution with an immobilised metal ion adsorption chromatography (IMAC) resin to adsorb antisense oligonucleotides to said resin and subsequently contacting the resin with an eluent under conditions that provide desorption of the antisense oligonucleotides from said resin, wherein the fully thioated antisense oligonucleotides are separated from incorrectly synthesised and/or incorrectly thioated antisense oligonucleotides in said solution; further wherein the metal ion is Zr²⁺ or Fe³⁺.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tracy Vivlemore whose telephone number is 571-272-2914. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Douglas Schultz can be reached on 571-272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

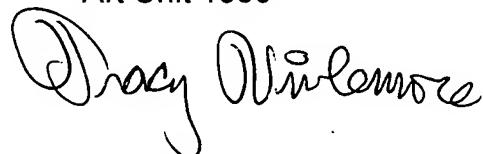
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Tracy Vivlemore
Examiner
Art Unit 1635

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January 18, 2008

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Vivlemore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "V".